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TO CINCPACREP GUAM IMMEDIATE

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SUBJ: VOLUNTEER AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL TEAM

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1. AUSTRALIAN RADIO MAY 17 REPORTS THAT ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE C-130 DEPARTED RICHMOND AIR BASE NEAR SYDNEY MAY 16 WITH VOLUNTEER TEAM OF ONE DOCTOR AND EIGHT NURSES, BOUND FOR GUAM, TO ASSIST IN CARING FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

2. DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DUTY OFFICER PHONED EMBOFF EVENING OF MAY 16, RELAYING REQUEST FROM PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM AS TO WHETHER TEAM WAS REALLY NEEDED IN GUAM. EMBOFF DREW ON REFTEL AND SAID TEAM COULD BE OF GREAT HELP BUT THAT USAF TRANSPORT TO GUAM NOT AVAILABLE, AND TEAM WOULD NEED TO MAINTAIN ITSELF.

3. COMMENT: C-130 IS PROCEEDING TO GUAM TO PICK UP SOME 60-70 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES DOCUMENTED FOR ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIA BY AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICER NOW PRESENT ON GUAM. PROLONGED AND PERSEVERING EFFORTS BY MICHAEL DARBY, SYDNEY REPRESENTATIVE

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OF ASIAC (REFTEL), TO OBTAIN GOA ASSISTANCE FOR TRANSPORT OF

MEDICAL TEAM FINALLY SUCCESSFUL. IF ADDITIONAL AUSTRALIAN  
MEDICAL PERSONNEL NEEDED ON GUAM, BELIEVE CONSIDERABLE NUMBER  
CAN BE SENT, PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPORT ON THE GROUND  
CAN BE OBTAINED, EITHER FROM USAF OR FROM RAAF. AT A MINIMUM,  
A VOLUNTEER AUSTRALIAN FLAG CAN BE MAINTAINED ON GUAM,  
WHATEVER DECISION BY GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA ON MAINTAINING  
IMMIGRATION OFFICER ON ISLAND.  
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